problem of illegal growth of hazardous chemical units in the country?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) and (b) The Government is not aware of any illegal or unregistered chemical units in the country. No study has been made by the Government to identitfy the factors responsible for the growth of such units.

(c) Does not arise.

Production of industries hit due to shortage of power in Uttar Pradesh

2881. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a number of industries have been hit in Uttar Pradesh and their production has fallen due to shortage of power in the State during the period from January, 1987 to December, 1988;

(b) if so, which are the industries affected by this power shortage and to what extent production has been affected; and

(c) what action has been taken by Government to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) Details of industries hit by power shortage in Uttar Pradesh are not available. However, according to DGTD, production in some units manufacturing cement, paper, industrial gases, steel castings have been affected by shortage of power in Uttar Pradesh.

CSO does not compile state-wise index of industrial production. However, according to the index of industrial production compiled by CSO on an all-India level, the rates of growth of industrial production were 10.5 per cent in 1987 and 7.8 per cent in 1988. Government has been providing a number of fiscal and financial incentives to stimulate industrial growth. Government is also taking steps to ensure that the infrastructure industries perform well to support industrial production.

Loans outstanding against Public Sector Undertakings

2882. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total amount of loans and other debts outstanding against various public sector undertakings;

(b) whether the terms and conditions of the various borrowing institutions are being followed by the public sector undertakings for the repayment; and

(c) whether Government are taking steps to collect the outstanding amount?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) Total amount of loans and debts outstanding against various Public Sector Enterprises as on 31-3-88, upto which date the data is available is Rs. 46952.11 crores.

(b) and (c) Terms and Conditions of repayment of loans are followed except where the financial position of the enterprise makes it difficult for them to repay loans and pay interest in time. Enterprise—specific action is taken by Government in such cases.

Impact of liberalised trade policies

2883. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the liberalisation of trade policies in recent years has led to an unprecendented rise in the corporate conflicts involving a number of hostile take-over bids and mergers in 1988;

(b) if so, what is the total number of big companies that changed hands during 1988; and

(c) what are the main reasons for the same and what steps are being taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) and (b) It is presumed that the reference to take-over and merger is in the context of the provisions of sections 23(4) and 23(2) respectively of the MRTP Act, 1969, involving companies registered under the said Act. Government have not carried out any amendment of the said provisions in recent years which could encourage corporate conflicts. During 1988, Government approved twenty five applications for take-over and twenty applications for merger/amalgamation under the said provisions of the MRTP Act.

(c) Does not arise in view of the position stated in (a) and (b) above.

Clearing of waiting list of LPG connection in Orissa

2884. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what is at Present the number of persons in the waiting list for LPG connections in Orissa especially in Bhubaneswar and Cuttack cities;

(b) by when the list is likely to be cleared;

(c) how many towns are covered under LPG distribution scheme in Orissa; and

(d) by when all the towns of the State are likely to be covered under the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) As on January 31, 1989, there were aproximately 30,000, 3.000 and 2,800 persons on the waiting list for LPG connections in Orissa, Bhubaneswar and Cuttack respectively;

(b) Release of new LPG connections is done by the oil industry all over the country, including in Orissa in a phased manner under its annual programme for enrolment of customers subject to augmentation in availability of LPG;

(c) As on January 31, 1989, 43 towns of Orissa were covered under LPG distribution.

(d) The oil industry is normally taking up, in a phased manner, towns/cities all over the country including Orissa, with population of around 20.000 and above (as per 1981 Census) which offer sufficient potential for viable marketing of LPG.

Sale of Borotone Antiseptic Cream

2885. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether he is aware that Borotone of KMP Coconut Oil Company is a basic formula got approved by the company under drug licence No. HL-605-M as printed on its tubes;

(b) whether he is also aware that to increase the sale of the product the manufacturers got a sticker affixed on the tubes showing the product as Ayurvedic to enable each and every shopkeeper to sell their product even without obtaining a drug licence;

(c) whether selling of homoeopathic products by putting stickers of Ayurvedic products is permissible under the rules; and

(d) if not, what action Government propose to take against the manufacturers for his type of cheating?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (d) The required details to the extent available will be collected from Ministry of Health & Family Welfare and laid on the Table of the Rajya Sabha.